

AXCEL LAMIVUDINE -100mg TABLET

Lamivudine (100mg)

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What Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet is used for

Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet is indicated for the treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection.

How Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet works

Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet contains antiretroviral called Lamivudine as the active ingredient. Lamivudine is a nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor which is highly active against retroviruses such as HIV.

Before you use Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet

When you must not use it

Do not take Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet:

- If you are allergic or hypersensitive to Lamivudine or to any component of this medication.
- If it is not prescribed by a qualified doctor for you.
- Do not take Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet if you are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or think you may be pregnant.
- Do not take Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet if you are breast-feeding. Women with HIV infection also should not breastfeed their babies to avoid passing the HIV virus to the baby.

Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor:

- If you are having liver enlargement or other risk factor for liver disease.

Taking other medicines

You should tell your doctor if you are taking the following medicine as it may interact with your Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet:

- Trimethoprim, sulphamethoxazole, zidovudine, cyclosporine A, zalcitabine.

It may still be all right for you to take Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet and your doctor will be able to decide what is suitable for you.

Consult your doctor before you start any new medicine including health supplement and herbal product as your doctor or pharmacist will have a more detail and complete list of medicines that may interact with Lamivudine if taken together.

How to use Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet

How much to use

For oral administration only.

For HIV infection:

300mg once a day, in combination with other antiretrovirals.

For kidney impairment:

Doctor might reduce the dose if your kidneys do not function well.

For liver impairment:

No dose adjustment is necessary in patients with liver impairment unless accompanied by kidney impairment.

When to use it

Take Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet once a day, with or without food.

How long to use it

Continue taking Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet for as long as doctor recommends.

If you forget to use it

Consult your doctor or pharmacist on what you should do if you forget to use it.

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

If you use too much (overdose)

You must inform your doctor immediately if you have taken too much Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet or go to your nearest hospital as you may need some emergency treatment.

While you are using it

Things you must do

- Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.
- Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet.
- Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while talking this medication.

Things you must not do

- Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor.
- Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor.
- Do not give Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

Things to be careful of

- Do not drive or operate machine until you know how axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet affects you.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet can cause side effects although not everybody gets them. You are advised to consult doctor/ pharmacist for further information. The following common side effects have been reported:

- Malaise and fatigue.
- Respiratory tract infections.

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- Headache.
- Abdominal discomfort and pain.
- Nausea.
- Vomiting and diarrhea.

There are also reports for the below side effects:

- Inflammation of pancreas.
- An abnormal tingling and prickling sensation (Parasthesia).
- Build up of lactic acid in the body (lactic acidosis), usually associated with severe liver enlargement and fatty liver.

If you encounter any other side effects not in this list or if you are not sure of the problems affecting you, please consult your doctor or pharmacist immediately.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website portal.bpfk.gov.my (Consumers -> Reporting).

Storage and disposal of Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet

Storage

Keep Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet out of reach of children. Store below 30°C. Keep container well closed and protect from light.

Disposal

Do not use Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet after the expiry date which is stated on the carton. Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product description

What it looks like

Axcel Lamivudine-100mg Tablet is butterscotch coloured, oval biconvex, film-coated tablets.

Ingredients

Active Ingredient:

Lamivudine

Inactive Ingredients:

Microcrystalline Cellulose PH102, Sodium Starch Glycollate, Colloidal Silicon Dioxide, Magnesium Sterate, Opadry II Orange and Purified water.

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